

ABSTRACT

A method and apparatus for removing polyps from an inner lining of an internal cavity uses a polyp-severing head extending from one end of a sheath. The polyp-severing head comprises a conductive hook or conductive forceps for engaging the polyp and for discharging electrical energy into the engaged polyp to sever the polyp from the inner lining of the internal cavity. In exemplary applications, a physician manipulates the polyp-severing head around the polyp and engages the polyp near the inner lining surface. The physician then discharges electrical energy into the polyp via the polyp-severing head. The electrical energy transferred from the polyp-severing head to the engaged portion of the polyp severs the polyp from the inner lining surface.

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